# EXHIBIT

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA ERIE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel. )
DILBAGH SINGH, M.D., PAUL KIRSCH, )
M.D., V. RAO NADELLA, M.D., and )
MARTIN JACOBS, M.D.,

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Relators,

VS.

BRADFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, )
V&S MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, LLC, )
PETER VACCARO, M.D., KAMRAN SALEH,)
M.D., and DOES I through XX, )

Defendants.

# DEPOSITION OF PETER VACCARO, M.D.

# THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2007

Deposition of PETER VACCARO, M.D., called as a witness by the Plaintiffs, taken pursuant to Notice of Deposition and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, by and before Joy A. Hartman, a Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at the offices of Fox Rothschild, 625 Liberty Avenue, 29th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, commencing at 2:56 p.m. on the day and date above set forth.

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time before you got the nuclear camera, that the vast majority of your inpatient referrals were to Bradford regional Medical Center?

MR. RYCHCIK: Same objection. Go ahead and answer.

- A. The inpatient referrals were based on a very sensitive issue of where the patients wanted to go and what was accessible, depending on their problem; and, you know, there could be multiple places they could go, but, you know, most of the time they would pick the most convenient, which would be Bradford Medical Center.
  - Q. So is the answer to my question, then, yes?
- A. Yes, according to all the potential options that were available.
- Q. The same question for outpatient referrals. Is it fair to say that most of your outpatient referrals were to Bradford Regional Medical Center?

MR. RYCHCIK: Objection as to the form of the question. You can answer.

A. Again, Bradford Regional Medical Center was one of the options; and most of the time, the patient wanted to go to Bradford Regional Medical Center, and

- if that is what they wanted, that is where they went.
- Q. I understand there might have been good reasons to send them there. I am just asking you for just the simple facts. It is true that most of the outpatient
- 5 referrals were to Bradford as opposed to somewhere
- 6 | else?

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- A. I just wanted to make sure that it is understood that it is not just an automatic thing all the time, that most of the time, it is because of patient choices.
- Q. My question is not about the reasons. My question is about the simple fact. It is a fact, is it not, that most of the outpatient referrals were to Bradford?
  - A. Yes, they were.
- Q. Now, after you leased the nuclear camera -well, let me ask you this: In the period when you
  were deciding whether or not to lease the nuclear
  camera, do you recall doing any projections about the
  amount of additional income that you would receive?
  - A. There could have been some discussions.
  - Q. Do you recall any specific discussions?
- 23 A. No.

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CERTIFICATE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

SS.:

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COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

I, Joy A. Hartman, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that before me personally appeared PETER VACCARO, M.D., the witness herein, who then was by me first duly cautioned and sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in the taking of HIS oral deposition in the cause aforesaid; that the testimony then given by him as above set forth was reduced to stenotypy by me, in the presence of said witness, and afterwards transcribed by computer-aided transcription under my direction.

I do further certify that this deposition was taken at the time and place specified in the foregoing caption, and signature was not waived.

I do further certify that I am not a relative of or counsel or attorney for any party hereto, nor am I otherwise interested in the event of this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on this 14th day of August, 2007.

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